

To Whom it may concern:

Bill 5419 will preserve the Savin Farm from development, allowing a significant acreage of Lebanon to remain open in perpetuity.

Passage of this legislation is in conformance of the 2010 Lebanon Plan of Conservation and Development.

Access to this document can be had by going to the town of Lebanon web site. Click on "planning and zoning commission" and then "documents".

The key statement is found on page 40, #1 of the PDC. It recommends that "The town preserve at least 2,000 acres of land over the next 10 years and continue to increase its open space account to allow for matching funds/leverage for state, federal and private nonprofit open space and agricultural preservation grants, which require town contributions. The Town should build the open space fund to a working balance of \$500,000 either through annual budget allocation or through a revolving bond initiative."

As a long time member of the Lebanon Planning and Zoning Commission I strongly recommend that the Savin Farm property be preserved as open space.

Sincerely yours,

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